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WILL COUNT AGAIN

Contest for Ninth Ward Councilman Once More.
EXPERT INSPECTION OF BALLOTS
Judge Frazer Favors the Fulllest Opportunity of Investigating Where Fraud is Apparent.

Judge Frazer yesterday granted the request of William Schmeer, through his attorneys, H. E. McGinn and J. B. Easter, for further examination of ballots cast at the June election in Precinct 24 Thursday, August 3, was the date agreed upon for the examination to take place. At that time an expert, armed with a microscope, will critically examine all of the Holbrook votes that passed unchallenged in the previous count. Mr. McGinn said he asked the privilege because of the developments in the other court, and the unimpeachable manner in which many ballots which seemed properly marked had been passed. Judge Frazer, in granting the request, again used strong language regarding the work that had been done in Precinct 24 and the manner in which the ballot in the previous count was permitted only because of the palpable evidence of fraud. In arguing his motion, Mr. McGinn said that the ballots in Precinct 24 might be classed under three heads:

1. Calling the name of Holbrook where no cross was in front of his name, and thereby increasing his vote.
2. Placing crosses in front of the name of either Field or Holbrook when the voter intended to and did vote for Schmeer, thus vitiate the entire vote for Councilman.
3. And cases where the voter left the space of Councilman blank, but crosses were afterwards inserted for Holbrook.

Cases falling under the latter head were the ones Mr. McGinn hoped to reach by the examination asked. Where Holbrook's name had been called without any cross having been placed in front of it by the voter was revealed in the recent recount by the discrepancy between the official returns and the count figures. The official count gave Holbrook 24 and Schmeer 26 in the Forty-second Precinct. By the court count of ballots that were not challenged as having any marks of an unusual character on them, Schmeer's vote was raised to 113 and Holbrook's reduced to 100. Consideration of the questioned ballots raised Holbrook's vote in this precinct to 224, and Schmeer's to 125. These variations are the grounds for charging that in the count by the election judge the name of Holbrook was called in cases where his name had not been crossed at all on the ballot.

Those instances where crosses had been made in front of more than one of the candidates for Councilman were passed on by Judge Frazer before, and where the crosses in front of Schmeer's name corresponded closely with those used in marking other candidates, while those in front of Holbrook's or Field's name varied, the court almost invariably ruled in favor of Schmeer. This was because from the systematic manner in which these things happened, Judge Frazer concluded there was fraud against Schmeer. Of the third class, but little if any inspection was made before. As the attorneys and officials did not appreciate the apparent frauds developed during the count, if a cross appeared before the name of any one candidate for Councilman, the ballot was passed, if regular otherwise. It is to reach these that the present recount, or rather examination, is being made.

J. V. Beach, of counsel for Holbrook, argued against the motion on the ground that one recount had been given, and he did not see much difference between the present and other ones. He thought the ballots of Precinct 24 were carefully examined by half a dozen persons previously that the seal had been broken and the ballots had been handled much, all of which should argue against any more recounting. Even if ballots were found on which the cross for his client was not exactly regular, that should not be evidence of fraud, as the voter might make an irregular cross.

In granting the request, Judge Frazer said: "This is a very unusual case. It

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cause in every instance the cross in front of Schmeer's name was identical with the cross in front of the names of other candidates on the ballot, while the cross in front of the other candidate for Councilman was irregular. Under these circumstances, and the further fact that this precinct shows fraud, while there might have been a mistake in calling the ballots to the number of one, two, three or even four in this precinct, the fact that there were so many more mistakes than in any other precinct of the ward, and that all the mistakes in this particular precinct were in favor of one candidate, without any reason—under these circumstances I think the fullest opportunity should be given for investigation, and, as these ballots that were not challenged were hurriedly read and no one at the time could have had more than opportunity simply to glance at the markings in front of the names of candidates for Councilman, I think an opportunity should be given now, if counsel desires, to make a further and full examination of these ballots. As has been said before, this is a matter which interests the public, which involves the public welfare. If Schmeer was elected, he should have the office, and if Holbrook was elected, he should be permitted to keep the office. Whoever has been guilty of fraud should be made to suffer for it. In any event, the fullest opportunity will be given here to investigate the matter."

WEST VIRGINIA FOR MCKINLEY
Ex-Senator Faulkner's Opinion of His State's Outlook.
Ex-United States Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, who is out on the Coast for a vacation, though he is a Democrat, thinks his state will go for McKinley this year. "There are several reasons for this," he said at the Portland last evening. "In the first place, West Virginia is a doubtful state. She was Union in war times, and cut loose from Virginia. Recently she has been growing marvellously. Her timber, coal and oil resources have been developing, and her people are getting rich. The new enterprises being developed have caused a heavy addition to her negro population, and the negroes, with the exception of the barbers, are all Republicans. Why the barbers are not I cannot say, but presume it's because of their close proximity to their Democratic customers while engaged in their vocation." "As to the result in the Nation as a whole, Senator Faulkner would not com-

mit himself, but he thought the Chinese question would strengthen the party in power. "The people are worked up over the outrage in China," he said, "and unless the trouble is settled, McKinley's policy of armed rescue and retaliation will have a strong reinforcement throughout the country. I do not think the Philippine War has strengthened the Republican party, but the Chinese trouble has."

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FIRST TELEGRAPH LINE.
Portland Was Connected With the East via San Francisco in 1864.
An Albany pioneer asks when the telegraph lines from Portland were first established, and also when the overland telegraph between San Francisco and the East was put in operation. According to Dr. O. P. S. Plummer, who was the first superintendent of a through line, a local line was built from Portland up the Willamette Valley as early as 1858, but soon abandoned. The overland line connecting San Francisco with the East was completed in 1862, in response to the intense demand for late news from the Civil War. A pony express had previously been in operation, but as the news took eight to twelve days in transmission, Pacific Coast people became very restive under such slow service.
The line between Portland and San Francisco was connected in February, 1864, and Portland people were then placed in direct communication with the East, while the great struggle was going on in its intensity and the fate of the Nation seemed to hang in the balance. Colonel R. R. Harris, now in charge of the Postal Telegraph Company's interests at Los Angeles, was manager of the line at San Francisco, and put Dr. Plummer in charge of the Oregon end.

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